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INTRODUCTION.

This book is published to make Sharon better known and appreciated. It gives information about the town and answers questions often asked by strangers. It is intended for gratuitous circulation and extra copies will be cheerfully furnished physicians and others on application to me. To those seeking homes, Sharon offers attractions unexcelled by any other locality.

Nature has given Sharon pure air, pure water and good drainage, which are the three great requisites to health and happiness. We have also fine walks and drives and beautiful scenery, and all these things can be enjoyed without sacrificing scarcely anything desirable that the residents of large cities have been accustomed to enjoy. Further information about the town will be cheerfully furnished on application by letter or otherwise. I have a long distance telephone in my residence and can be communicated with at all times from any telephone. My carriage is at Sharon station every day except Saturday and Sunday, on the arrival of the 11.00 A. M. and 2.05 P. M. trains from Boston, and is at the service of those desirous of seeing property that is for sale or to let. To those seeking board, a carriage and driver will be furnished at reasonable rates.

WILLIAM B. WICKES.

Sharon, Mass., October 1, 1892.

HOW TO REACH SHARON.

Sharon is seventeen miles from Boston and twenty-five from Providence, on the main line of the Providence Division of the Old Colony Railroad. There are thirteen trains from Boston each week-day, including a theatre train, and four trains from Boston on Sunday. Time of trains from Boston, twenty-nine to forty minutes. This road is one of the oldest, best-equipped and most carefully managed roads in the country. It crosses no drawbridges, is double-tracked with heavy steel rails its entire length, and the trains are supplied with plenty of cars, so each passenger can have a seat.

As most of the trains are express between Boston and Sharon and consume but thirty minutes between the two places, it will be seen that we are practically as near Boston as many places that join that city.

The Boston station on Columbus Avenue and Park Square, at the foot of Boston Common, is convenient and comfortable, and architecturally, is the most beautiful in the United States. It is said by those who have travelled extensively to be unequaled in the world, when convenience, looks and surroundings are taken into account. The station in Sharon is also well adapted to the wants of the travelling public and is supplied with the famous Sharon Spring water, and the yard and grounds are finely graded and embellished with shrubs and flowers.

Single fares from Sharon to Boston, forty cents; five tickets, one dollar and seventy-five cents, or thirty-five cents each; a three months' ticket, twenty dollars; a two months' ticket, fifteen dollars; one month, eight dollars. The net cost on a three months' ticket is only twelve cents a trip; on a two months' fourteen cents, and on a one month ticket fifteen cents. Single fares from Sharon to Providence, sixty cents. One thousand mile tickets, good on any portion of the Old Colony system, twenty dollars. Passengers from New York can reach Sharon by the all-rail Shore Line or by the Providence steamboat line. To drive from Boston to Sharon, take Brush Hill turnpike and come via Canton. From Jamaica Plain come via Dedham and Norwood. From New Bedford, Taunton and Fall River, come via Easton Furnace or come by rail via Mansfield.

Sharon has fine mail facilities, there being thirteen mails to and from the postoffice each week-day. The Western Union Telegraph Company has an office in the railroad station, and the wires of the New England Telephone Company enable us to talk with all the country. Communication can be had at all hours of the day or night, direct with my residence in Sharon from any telephone in Boston or any of the surrounding towns, and, in fact, by means of the long distance telephone, with almost any large city in the land. As the railroad time-table is liable

to slight changes it is omitted from this book, but a correct one will be furnished on application.

DESCRIPTION.

SHARON, Norfolk County, Massachusetts offers great inducements to the farmer, the poultry-keeper, the gardener, the manufacturer, and the invalid, as also to those seeking a quiet, pleasant home. Its attractions as a suburban residence, especially to those doing business in Boston, Providence, and neighboring towns and cities, are unequalled by any other place within fifty miles of Boston.

Sharon is the most elevated town in eastern Massachusetts and from its situation and the nature of the soil, the natural drainage is almost perfect. It is at the summit of the watershed of three rivers, and it is a singular fact though a very large town in extent, yet not one drop of water runs into it from any other town, but water runs out of Sharon into each of the seven adjoining towns. Thus it will be seen that the air and the water of Sharon can never be polluted by the drainage of any other town.

The town is from two hundred to five hundred and thirty feet above sea level. It is sheltered on the east by the Blue Hills of Milton. The soil is gravelly and contains iron, and there is a great deal of pine wood growing in the town. All of these things, with the perfect drainage, tend to make the air of Sharon pure and healthy; but in addition to all this, some

as yet undiscovered law, causes a large amount of ozone to always exist in the air here, making it at all times soft, balmy and extremely agreeable. Even the much and justly abused east wind is deprived of its harshness here and is not disagreeable.

In 1871 the Boston Traveller said: "In a work on local causes of consumption by Dr. Bowditch, published in 1852, he speaks of Sharon as likely to be free from lung diseases. The correctness of his opinion is now shown by the official records, from which it appears that one-fourth of all who have died in the town in the last five years were over eighty years of age, and more have died from old age than from consumption.

"In the first four months of this year, one-half the deaths in the town were from old age, and were of persons over eighty-seven. It should be added that Sharon is a growing town, with twenty per cent. of its inhabitants between five and twenty years of age."

More than fifty years ago, when the Boston & Providence Railroad was being built, Major McNeil, who was then the most eminent civil engineer in this country, spent some time in Sharon. He published an article calling attention to the remarkably pure air of Sharon, but at that time the influence of climate on health had not received attention and the matter was forgotten until twenty years later when the late A. D. Bacon, M. D.,

of Sharon, called the attention of other physicians to the subject.

Dr. Bacon said: "I have never seen contagious or infectious diseases become epidemic here. I have had cases of small pox, diphtheria and scarlet fever in their most virulent form among my patients, under circumstances where we should suppose they would spread fearfully, but those most exposed did not take the disease." He also said: "All diseases seem to yield more readily to medical treatment here than in any other locality with which I am acquainted."

Careful tests made under the direction of a scientific man have shown more ozone in the air of Sharon than in any other place where tests have been made east of the Rocky Mountains.

Ozone exists here in such quantities as to destroy all disease germs in the atmosphere, so that no infectious or contagious disease ever has become epidemic here, and probably none ever will. The New York Medical Tribune says: "Air loaded with putrid or miasmatic exhalations is immediately purified by contact with ozonized air, and again a development of such exhalation cannot well take place in the presence of ozone. The action of ozone on such impure air is extremely powerful. According to Schœbein, an atmosphere containing only 1-3240000 of ozone is capable of destroying all noxious matter contained in an equal volume of miasmatic air. Where or whenever there

is a deficiency of this quantity of ozone, there will occur zymotic and contagious diseases, such as typhoid, scarlatina, measles, small pox, miasmatic fevers, yellow fever, etc., as well as all sorts of skin diseases."

STATISTICS.

By the official report of 1888 it appears there were 22 deaths in Sharon that year, of which number 8 were of persons who came here in very feeble health. This leaves the actual number of deaths of Sharon people 14, or less than 10 to 1000. There were in town about 135 children under 5 years of age, and only 2 deaths of children under 5 years, and yet some 30 of the children in town were waifs, sent here to board, most of them weakly and fed from the bottle. Can any other town show such a record? Here comes in my theory that Sharon milk is more healthy than that from other towns. The records will show that the chances of a baby living to grow up are several times better in Sharon than they are in almost any other place.

SHARON AS A HEALTH RESORT.

HAY FEVER, CONSUMPTION AND ROSE COLD CURED.

The pure air of Sharon has always been spoken of. It is of such a peculiar nature that invalids feel its curative effects at once, and I most earnestly advise the sick and convalescent to give it a trial. I can give the addresses of people who have been cured by a residence in Sharon of what was pronounced by the best doctors to be the last stages of consumption, and to assure everyone afflicted with lung trouble that they will be sure to find relief here, if they are not fully cured.

There have been many cases of Hay Fever and Rose Cold cured here. The air of Sharon has been found beneficial for very young children, and the several charitable institutions of Boston, that have charge of babies send many of their wards here to board. Though these are usually orphans who have inherited diseases from one or both of their parents, and are necessarily, while here, fed from a bottle, yet with Sharon air and Sharon milk, the great majority of them live and thrive.

Physicians in Boston and in towns nearer Sharon, having seen the effects of Sharon air on these babies, are beginning to send the weakly children of their wealthy patrons here to board.

The best physicians all over New England and New York have learned the beneficial effects of Sharon air, and send their chronic and convalescent patients to me to get them boarded, and though this part of my business is of no benefit to me, I am always happy to aid such people to get places suited to their requirements and their purses, and from my long and varied experience I am often able to make valuable suggestions on the subject.

No person who is sick should go to any far off land in search of health and rest, until they have given Sharon a trial, since here, one is not necessarily deprived of any comfort, luxury, or medical attendance that can be obtained in any city in our land. Remember, the air of Sharon is entirely different from that of any other town in the vicinity. Invalids will almost always feel its beneficial effects as soon as they arrive here, and the trouble and cost of giving it a trial are merely nominal.

I can give the addresses of doctors of all schools in Boston, New York, Newport, Fall River, New Bedford, and many other places, who have had patients sick with most of the diseases that flesh is heir to, who have derived benefit from a residence here, but reference to them is hardly necessary, since the best of the medical profession throughout the country are enthusiastic in their praises of Sharon air. But many times they find it hard to convince their patients that so simple and

easy a change as a journey to Sharon will effect their cure.

Said one of Boston's best physicians not long ago: "If I could make my wealthy parents believe in Sharon as I do, I could fill every house in your little town, but they think they ought to go away off somewhere." Again, we say to all invalids, give Sharon air a trial. It won't cost you much, and may and probably will benefit you as it has hundreds of others.

Owners of fancy animals have found that the air of Sharon is as beneficial to beast as to man, and send their valuable dogs and horses here to board. In 1872, when almost every horse throughout the land was sick with epizootic, our horses in Sharon escaped, though used every day, thus showing that the ozone in the air here does kill disease germs. In one case at that time, a horse driven into town by a pedler, died of the disease, while the expressman's horse in the next stall, did not take it, though no special precautions were used to prevent it.

SHARON SANITARIUM.

The Sharon Sanitarium for the treatment of incipient pulmonary troubles, is the first one of the kind in New England, though there are several successful ones in Europe. It was located in Sharon on account of the well known curative effects of Sharon air and the pure water here. The building was erected under the direct

supervision of an eminent physician who had examined the best sanitariums in the world, and it contains every convenience known to medical science. The building was opened to patients in February, 1891, and in the short time it has been in operation its success has fully justified the hopes of its founders. Although a small amount of weekly board is charged, the institution is virtually a charitable one. At present only women patients are received. It is hoped there will soon be erected some small cottages adjoining the present building, so that both sexes can be received. Visiting days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from two to five o'clock. The Board of Directors is as follows: Nathaniel H. Stone, Treasurer, Fiske Building, State St., Reginald Gray, Alfred Bowditch, L. Vernon Briggs, Miss Olivia T. Bowditch, Miss M. Harriet Denny, Miss Alice M. Curtis, Mrs. Horatio A. Lamb; Medical Directors, Vincent Y. Bowditch, M. D., Robert W. Lovett, M. D.; Consulting Physician, Frederick L. Knight, M. D.

Applications for admission should be addressed to "Superintendent of Sharon Sanitarium, Sharon, Mass." The public are invited to inspect it.

The Garten Sanitorium for the cure of abnormal appetites for liquor, opium and tobacco, is beautifully located in a pine grove on the shore of Massapoag. This sanitorium has been opened but a short time but the success thus far achieved

leads to the hope that it will do much good.

WATER.

The Sharon Water Company supplies the town with an abundance of pure water taken from an immense spring near the head waters of the Neponset and Taunton rivers. The waters of this and neighboring springs have long been celebrated. Tradition tells us that the Indians and early settlers believed its use would cure dyspepsia and jaundice and dissolve gall and bladder stones, and even in our own day, intelligent people ascribe wonderful cures of different diseases to its use.

Chemical analysis, however, shows no especial medicinal qualities, but a remarkable absence of all deleterious qualities, and as far as I am able to discover, it is simply very pure water which remains ever the same summer and winter. Another remarkable thing about it is that it retains its purity and freshness a long time if kept in glass. The spring flows about 330,000 gallons a day. From its great elevation there is no danger of its ever being contaminated. The water is raised by steam power to a standpipe, from which it is distributed under a sufficient head to enter the highest rooms in the village and to extinguish fires, the town being supplied with three well-equipped and well-manned hose companies and a hook and ladder company.

TAXES AND TOWN AFFAIRS.

Those who would reside where the public affairs are carefully managed and the public money judiciously spent, and would *dodge* those towns and cities where recklessness and extravagance prevail, will find in Sharon a desirable home.

The voters of Sharon are liberal in making appropriations for all objects supported by town taxes, but so carefully and judiciously is the money expended that the tax is kept low, on a low valuation. Politics never enter into town affairs, the best men being chosen to office without regard to political parties. This town was the first one in the State to supply free text-books to scholars. It supports a High School though not required by law to do so, and the schools are all kept forty weeks in a year. The schools are partly supported by the income of an invested fund, which was given for that purpose many years ago. The town debt is small and being rapidly diminished. There is a very good Town Hall, good fire apparatus well housed, and the town's poor are well cared for on a large farm. The appropriations recommended by the different boards of town officers are generally voted without a dissenting voice. Yet with all this liberality on the part of the town, the tax rate averages only ten dollars on one thousand dollars, and that, as has been said, on a low valuation.

There is a reasonable hope that even this low tax rate will soon be consider-

ably reduced. The valuation of the town is but little more than one million of dollars. Should a few rich people gain a residence here, as they talk of doing, the valuation of Sharon would be more than doubled and the tax rate be reduced in the same proportion.

The following extract from the Sharon *Advocate* will serve to show what manner of a town Sharon is:

"This town has neither the manufactories nor the wealth of most of the adjoining towns, but in the moral and social standing of its people and its benevolence and public spirit, it will compare favorably with other towns. When a law was passed permitting towns to furnish text-books free to schools, it was just like Sharon to be the first town in the State to adopt the plan. It was just like Sharon to support a High School, though not compelled by law to do so. For thirty years it has been just like Sharon to vote all the money the school committee asked for, and these votes are generally passed unanimously. In other towns and cities appropriations are usually higgled over and cut down. For thirty years it has been just like Sharon to vote without question almost every cent of money that has been asked for, for every reasonable purpose, and it has been just like Sharon to spend that money so judiciously that we take good care of our poor, have good roads and low taxes. It is just like Sharon to have a fine Town Hall at a moder-

ate cost; a good Public Library; to have its lake well stocked with fish; to have the telephone and telegraph, and to have railroad and mail accommodations unsurpassed by any town of its size within a like distance of Boston. More than fifty years ago, a few citizens of Sharon supplied themselves with pure water from Sharon Springs, by forcing it up to an elevation of one hundred feet, which was something they had never seen accomplished, and which wise men told them could never be done. This was just like Sharon, and unlike any other town in the vicinity; and now, when the old works are inadequate, it is just like Sharon to vote unanimously a liberal sum to supply the whole village with pure water. We might mention many other commendable things in which Sharon is unlike other towns, if our space would permit."

STORES AND MARKETS.

Sharon being a farming town with milk farms, market gardens and poultry yards, fresh and nice vegetables, poultry, milk, and eggs are always to be had. Physicians say that milk from cows kept in Sharon is healthier than that from cows kept in less healthy towns. This will not seem unreasonable to those who know how sensitive the nursing infant is to the health of the woman who gives it sustenance. The stores and markets of Sharon supply meats, groceries and fruits, equal in quality to the best sold in Bos-

ton, and the vast woodlands of Sharon supply an abundance of fuel to those who would enjoy the healthy luxury of an open wood fire.

SOCIETY.

Socially, Sharon is like most well ordered New England villages, much enlivened of late, however, by the presence of families and individuals of culture who have come from other places to find pleasant, healthy homes here. There is a prosperous lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Masons, Odd Fellows and Grand Army members meet with lodges in Canton, which is only three miles away. The Sharon members of the Grand Army maintain an outpost and reading room. There are Chatauqua, Unity and several other literary clubs and societies which enliven the winter evenings for those socially inclined. Four churches furnish religious instruction. There is a good Public Library, free to all. The Town Hall is used for lectures, concerts and entertainments and assemblies, and a late train from Boston and Providence every night, summer and winter, gives an opportunity to attend lectures, concerts and theatres in either city. The town always votes no license, and no rum-shops or disreputable houses are allowed.

New comers to the town are sure of a cordial welcome from those already here. It is characteristic of Sharon people to

like to see their neighbors have a pleasant and enjoyable time.

SCENERY, WALKS AND DRIVES.

The scenery, walks and drives of Sharon are unsurpassed, and I think unequaled in any other town in eastern Massachusetts. They cannot be adequately described, but must be seen to be appreciated. Usually where the scenery is wild the roads are poor, if not absolutely unsafe. It is not here. The roads are good in all parts of the town.

In the following drives you are supposed to start from the postoffice: Every one will wish to drive around Massapoag pond; from the postoffice and back it is six miles. Another drive you must take to see Sharon is to Moose Hill. The nearest town road is past the depot. The large new house on your right as you ascend the first hill beyond the station, is the "Ella Reed Home," built by Miss C. Bates of Boston, as a home for destitute children. It is occupied by Miss Bates as a residence for herself and a limited number of children. At her decease she proposes to leave it in the care of Trinity Church in Boston, as a children's home. On the right as you go up the next hill is the Sharon Sanitarium. The next house on the right was a short time ago, occupied by two brothers, honest Scotchmen, and, although own brothers, they each was named "John Smith." To return from the hill by easier grades come down

Moose Hill St. to Main St. From the summit of this hill may be seen the residences of one-quarter of all the inhabitants of Massachusetts. The following interesting sketch of what may be seen from Moose Hill, was prepared for me by E. G. Chamberlain, Esq., of Auburndale, Mass., who is a member of the Appalachian Club:

"Moose Hill is 530 feet above sea level. The tower affords an additional elevation of twenty feet. The tower is square, the sides facing precisely to the four cardinal points. Let us take the views in order from left to right. All elevations are reckoned from the sea level and all bearings from the *true meridian*.

"Due north is West Dedham Unitarian Church, six miles distant, quite conspicuous on a hill. A little to the right is Arlington Heights, twenty miles, and under it the Theological Seminary, on Institution Hill in Newton. More to the right is Norwood village, five miles, and Dedham with its courthouse dome nine miles. About N. N. E. is Boston, the State House dome bearing N. 25° 27 E,, eighteen miles. Just at its left is the white tower of Roxbury standpipe,and between and beyond them is Bunker Hill Monument. A trifle to the right is the large village of Hyde Park, ten miles. N. E. is the Blue Hill range. Great Blue at the left being eight miles distant and 635 feet high. A little left of it we may get a glimpse of tide water near Winthrop,

while nearer we look down on the meadows of the Neponset river. Next to Great Blue is Hancock Hill, then Hillside Street Gap, Bugbee Hill, and the peak of Chickataubut, 518 feet high, under whose left flank is Bear Hill, hardly separable. In line with Chickataubut is Canton Corner church, five and one-half miles. A little to the right is Canton village, four miles, and nearly over its left hand steeple is Strawberry Hill, twenty-one miles, crowned by a standpipe. To the left of this and nearer, is the tower on Penn's Hill (in Braintree?) To the right of the right hand of Canton steeple is the triple-towered Atlantic House at Nantasket, twenty-one miles. Between Strawberry Hill and the Atlantic House may be seen Massachusetts Bay, the sea horizon line being thirty and one-half miles distant. A little to the right, nine miles off, are the three tall spires of Randolph, about three degrees apart, the left hand one bearing E. N. E. Due E. is Sharon, two miles, and over it the large village of Stoughton, six miles. Considerably to the right, ten miles off, is Brockton. Just right of its tallest spire is the Standish Monument on Captain's Hill, in Duxbury, twenty-eight and one-half miles. The large pond two miles S. E. is Massapoag. Nearly over its left end is East Bridgewater, fifteen miles, and over its right end Middleboro, twenty-two miles. Due S. (S. 0° 20 W.) is Great Meadow Hill in Rehoboth, seventeen miles, crowned by a group of

trees. Nearly under its right base is Mansfield, seven miles. About S. S. W. are the two spires of Foxboro, four and one-half miles.

"Half way between Great Meadow and Foxboro, appears a very small, sharp peak, Oak Hill in Attleboro, fifteen miles, and nearer, at its right, the village of East Attleboro. Turning nearly to W. S. W., we see, three miles off, South Walpole, with its short white steeple. Nearly over its left is the summit of Woonsocket Hill, in Rhode Island, twenty miles. To the right of W. S. W. is the tall cupola of Dean Academy in Franklin, with steeples at its right.

"Turning nearly to W. N. W. we see the low-pointed ridge, Asnybumskit Hill, in Paxton, 1,407 feet, thirty-seven miles, and more toward N. W. the very conspicuous Wachuset Mountain in Princeton, of the same range, 2,018 feet, forty-three miles, is seen over Walpole village, two and one-half miles off. Midway between Asnybumskit and Wachuset is seen Rice Hill in Rutland, forty-one miles, a little left of which are three steeples, nearly in line, and one above the other, viz: Hopkinton, seventeen miles, Shrewsbury, twenty-eight miles, and Rutland, forty-two miles. Somewhat to the right of Wachuset is the low ridge of Monoosnook Hill in Leominster, forty-one miles, seen over Medfield village, six and one-half miles off. Still to the right Grand Monadnock Mountain in Jaffrey, N. H., six-

ty-eight miles, 3,170 feet high, a sharp peak falling off very gradually to the right. Between Monoosnook and Monadnock, just N. W., is Sherborn Church, eleven miles. Against the right flank of Monadnock is the nob of Watatick Mountain, in Ashburnham, Mass., 1,847 feet, fifty-two miles, a peak of the Wachuset range. This range we follow to the right of N. H. by Mt. Kidder in New Ipswich, Spofford and Temple Mountains in Temple, and the noticeable twin summits of Pack Monadnock, near Peterboro. The latter are about 2,280 feet high and sixty-two miles distant. Between Watatick and Kidder, the near round hill, nineteen miles off, is Nobscot, in Framingham, 602 feet.

"To the right of Pack Monadnock, eight miles off, is a group of hills in Dover, through a gap in which we get a glimpse of Lyndeboro Pinnacle, sixty-two miles off. Turning far towards the north we see Prospect Hill, in Waltham, eighteen miles, with Little Prospect on its left flank, and further left the village of Lincoln, twenty-one miles. I have identified some prominent buildings in about fifty villages, some of them requiring the telescope. Many other villages have been observed, but not yet fully identified. The spire at the right of Foxboro may be proved to be in Pawtucket, R. I. The calculated bearing of Brown University, at Providence, twenty-two and one-half miles places it midway between the Fox-

boro steeples, but I have never been favored with a view of it. It is probably not visible."

The air on the hill is very invigorating, and persons with weak lungs enjoy it much. Invalids, by carrying a lunch and spending some hours on the hill, are often benefitted. I regret that there is no boarding place there. Perhaps some time there will be a sanitarium or hotel on the hill. It would be well patronized.

On your return, on Moose Hill Street, you will pass the barn of Henry L. de Bussigny, where are kept in summer, some of the finest saddle horses in the country. His stable is worthy of a visit from all lovers of fine bred horses.

The poultry house that you pass on returning is over eight hundred feet long, and has a wing, not in sight of the road, four hundred and eighty feet long. It was intended for ten thousand fowl. It is now used as a duck ranch. More than five thousand ducks were hatched there in 1891.

For a short drive take Main Street west, turn the first left through "Gunhouse Lane," then next left home. In "Gunhouse Lane" formerly stood the gunhouse in which was stored the cannon to protect the inhabitants from their enemies. Elm Lawn, near the corner of the lane, was formerly the Randall homestead, and here died, not many years ago, "Boston Randall," a very aged negro, and probably the last slave owned in Massachusetts. He was brought from Africa,

and kept as a body servant until he finally became a family pet. He refused his freedom and was kindly cared for by the family while he lived. He was buried,as was his master's family, in the Chestnut Tree Cemetery.

Another short drive is past the Sharon Sanitarium to the town farm.

For a romantic drive take Main Street and Walpole Street to Mrs. Benjamin Rhoades' house, turn sharp to the left and follow County Street until it comes to Main Street near Paradise cranberry meadow. County Street is full of sharp pitches and not much travelled, but it is decidedly wild and has a history. It is one of the oldest roads in Massachusetts, having been called "the path to Bristol." It was over this road that Madame Knight rode on the first night of her famous journey to New York, and the "Wayman's Ordinary," where she spent the first night stood near where the cranberry storehouse now stands. Here Ebenezer Billings is supposed to have built his tavern about 1658, many years before there was a white person in what is now Canton.

For a variety of ferns drive through the Pigeon Swamp road. Maiden hair ferns grow here. You will have a romantic drive to go past Leonard's mill, turning sharp to the left at the cemtery, and taking the first right and then the next right. Near the house of W. H. Agry, on this road, you get a splendid view, and an assortment of ferns.

Drive to Wolomolopoag pond and turn to the left and the next left home. If you care for places of historic interest, when on this drive take the right at Mrs. T. E. Clark's and go to Clapp's sawmill. Here was the foundry where, under Gen. Gridley, was cast the first cannon ever made in the country.

Not far from Mrs. Clark's King Philip and his warriors camped the night they burned Medfield, in 1676. They passed the "Wayman's Ordinary" just at dusk, but spared it, because one of the chiefs said, "Billings is Indians' friend."

It is six miles to Foxboro and six to South Walpole. On the South Walpole road Mr. Lyman Plympton has a cultivated cranberry bog and a cultivated white pine grove, both equal, if not superior, to any others in the state. To Walpole it is five miles, six to Norwood and three to Canton. At Canton, go and see the large solid stone viaduct, by which the railroad crosses the highway and Neponset river. It used to be considered one of the wonders of the age. To Dedham it is ten miles. Here on East Street is the old Fairbanks house, which has been occupied by the same family for two hundred and forty years.

To Stoughton it is six miles and to North Easton it is seven. At the latter, the Unitarian Church, the other public buildings and the magnificent grounds of F. L. Ames, which are open to the public are worthy of a visit. To Easton Furnace, seven miles, is a pleasant drive

and a little off the road, in East Mansfield, are Austin's poultry grounds. Here at times may be seen as many as five thousand geese fattening for the market as well as immense quantities of hens, ducks and turkeys. Mr. Austin sometimes feeds sixty bushels of grain a day to his fowl. To East Foxboro is six miles. Much of the way this road runs beside the railroad track.

Lovers of wild flowers and ferns will find a great variety here. Those who delight to see farming operations will be interested in the market gardens and greenhouses on Sharon plain, and the cranberry meadows farther west. The woods and ponds of Sharon furnish game for the hunter, and the numerous ponds and brooks furnish fish for the angler, and the ponds also furnish ample opportunities for boating and bathing. Besides numerous mill ponds in Sharon, there are two beautiful sheets of water called Wolomolopoag and Massapoag. Though only a mile apart they are at the head or different rivers; one flows to the west and the other to the east. Massapoag contains four hundred and sixty acres of water and is three hundred feet above sea level. There is a drive completely around it. Formerly the water flowed from this pond into both the Taunton and the Neponset rivers. The early settlers used to liken it to a leaky barrel, from which the water flowed in all directions.

Being at the summit of both rivers, it was the boundary between the lands of the Narragansett and Massachusetts Indians, while Wolomolopoag flowed into the Taunton and belonged exclusively to King Philip's tribe. The name Wolomolopoag is Indian, and signifies pleasant water or sweet water and it was most truthfully named, being a beautiful sheet of water.

FARMS AND LAND FOR SALE.

There are several farms within from ten to thirty minutes' drive of the two depots in Sharon, that can be bought very low and some of them on easy terms. A man who is willing to work can make a good living on one of these farms and is sure to get a rise on his land. There is not and never has been a boom in Sharon real estate, neither has it ever been depressed, but there has been a considerable growth in the village since the introduction of water in 1885, and a marked rise in the value of eligible house-lots, and this rise and growth seems likely to continue. Good house-lots within five to ten minutes' walk of churches, railroad station, stores and post-office, sell for from $200 to $2000 an acre or from one-half to four cents a foot, according to location and condition of land. Most people buy lots of one-quarter or better still, of one-half an acre: this gives ample room for vegetable garden and poultry yard. In larger quantities and in

some localities, a considerable reduction is made from these prices. Near the railroad are some large tracts of unimproved lands and wood lands that can be bought cheap. Some of these are well worth the attention of capitalists and builders as they can be cut up at a large profit. Poultry and milk farming and market gardening is unusually profitable in Sharon, as our numerous cottagers furnish a market at the highest retail prices and the manufacturing cities and towns in the vicinity take all the surplus at renumerative prices. I have farms for sale of all sizes up to 300 acres and all prices up to $15,000. I have two or three extra nice horse and stock farms to sell to monied men.

HOUSES FOR SALE AND TO LET.

There are houses for sale in and near the village with from 10,000 feet to 23 acres of land and at prices from $700 to $10,000. Some of these have all modern conveniences and nearly all of them are supplied with Sharon spring water. There are usually furnished houses to let some with ample grounds and stables, and a few unfurnished ones but it is only fair to say that the supply of places to let is usually far short of the demand, and rents in Sharon are not so low as in some other localities. It is well therefore, if you wish to hire a house to inquire early in the season. This book is not intended as a catalogue of the prop-

erty that is for sale or to let in Sharon and because you don't see advertised in it such a place as you wish, it doesn't follow that there is no such place here.

Before you locate anywhere, write me and carefully describe what you wish, or better still, come and see me and let me show you the town. You will find it is all and more than this book claims it is, and perhaps you will find here just what you wish. You will find my carriage at Sharon station on the arrival of the 11.00 A. M. and 2.05 P. M. trains from Boston every pleasant day except Saturdays and Sundays. If you wish to come by any other train, please notify me by telegraph, telephone or letter. You can at all times telephone directly to my house.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

There are frequent inquiries from people who would like to reside in Sharon, and wish some renumerative business. There are calls for men skilled in the building trades and someone to sell building material. Boarding house and hotel keepers can always find a good opening here, as the call for accomodations always far exceeds the supply. I expect next spring to have one or two good hotels to sell and possibly some to let. I can also give an experienced person with some capital assistance in building a first-class new hotel.

There is also a call for a first-class country tavern where man and beast can

find accomodation for a meal or longer. Such a house would be sure of a large patronage at all times.

There is an urgent call for one or more sanitariums. The success of the one now open has caused a great many invalids to wish to come to Sharon for treatment, but the one now here is always full and besides it only receives people in moderate circumstances and treats only one class of diseases. There are an almost unlimited number of people who are out of health and are able and willing to pay large prices, if they could find accomodations in a well conducted sanitarium here. There is a fine opening for a captalist or practical builder to erect houses here, for sale or to let. It really seems as if a shrewd man with some means would find a splendid opening in this business.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

The Massapoag Lake House is on the south side of the pond, is beautifully situated and has almost everything desirable to make summer life pleasant. The house has been open twenty years, during which time it has been several times enlarged. The Sharon House is a boarding house within easy walking distance of Sharon station. It accomodates about forty which is sometimes increased by outside lodgers to seventy-five.

The Winship House, on Pond St., has large rooms and modern conveniences.

It can accomodate about twelve which is much increased by persons rooming out. There are also a number of houses where from two to a dozen boarders are taken, at prices varying from five to ten or twelve dollars a week, but the supply is far short of the demand, and it is well to apply early for board.

Elm Lawn is a farm boarding house, near Sharon Heights Station. In addition to the large house there are several pleasant cottages which are let to those who take their meals in the main house.

Crescent Ridge farm, at East Sharon, accomodates about twenty boarders and is a very well kept house.

I intend to keep thoroughly posted in regard to those who have vacant rooms, their location, prices, etc., and am always happy to give information and make suggestions to those seeking board and am often enabled to save them time, trouble and money. If those seeking board will write, enclosing a stamp, I will cheerfully furnish them any desired information. Please state what you require, how many rooms, whether there are children, and what prices you expect to pay. "Reasonable prices," if from a stranger, conveys no information to me, since thirty dollars a week from some of our patrons would be reasonable, and others find it hard to pay five dollars. Generally good board cannot be obtained for less than seven dollars a week. This

branch of my business is of no pecuniary profit to me, but it is my desire and for my interest to see people located in Sharon to their own satisfaction. Good carriages with careful drivers who know the boarding places, will be furnished on application to me at not to exceed one dollar an hour. Come by the 11.00 A. M. or 2.00 P. M. train; if coming on any other train, give previous notice by mail, telegraph or telephone, and my carriage will be at the station. No charge for information or suggestion, but those who find it necessary to employ a carriage will confer favor on me and in some measure recompense me for my trouble, by patronizing my teams.

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Sharon Village Property.

FOR SALE, a modern, nearly new, two-story house, with 20,000 feet of land. The house has a furnace, town water, and is nicely furnished. It will be sold with or without the furniture.

NEAR the above is a nice cottage with stable and hen-houses, and 2 acres of land stocked with fruit and flowers. House has hot water radiators. Will be sold with or without the furniture.

IN the village is a new, nine-room house, with all modern conveniences. Will be sold on easy terms or let to a good tenant. Near the above is an old house, small barn and 25,000 feet of land. Will be sold for $3,000, on easy terms. This is the best unoccupied business location in the village.

FOR SALE, the A. G. Hixon estate. A brick house, large barn, and 5-8 acre of land. This is a fine business location.

FOR SALE, on Main St., a 13-room house. It sets high, is nicely built and in a tony neighborhood. There is 45,000 feet of land.

ON Main St., is a large, old house, stable, and 60,000 feet of land. This is on a corner and is a valuable location. It is to be sold to settle an estate. Come and see it.

ONLY seven minutes' walk from station is an 11-room house. There are set tubs, a furnace, cemented cellar, stable for cows and horses, two poultry houses, 25,000 feet of land, and more land if desired. The house has all the modern conveniences and will be sold on easy terms, with or without the furniture. All the above houses are furnished with the famous Sharon spring water.

I have many estates to sell and let which are not mentioned in this book. Write me what you want,

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Sharon Village.

FOR SALE, on the highest land in the village, a nearly new two-story house, very sunny and pleasant, 22,000 feet of land, and plenty of frontage for two other houses. Will be sold on easy terms, possession to be given in the spring.

ON Billings St., for sale, a very desirable estate, consisting of an 11-room house, stable, 3 poultry houses and 1 acre of land, with all kinds of fruit. The house has all the modern conveniences and is very sunny. It is centrally located and the land is likely to rise in value. Price $5,000, on easy terms.

FOR SALE or to let, on Pond St., 1-2 of a very nice double house and 1-3 of an acre of land, well stocked with small fruits. The house is two-story, neat, has furnace heat, and is a desirable place for a small family.

ON Pond St., a house and about 1 acre of land. House has 11 rooms, some of them large, and has modern conveniences. It is a fine place for a large family, and is only eight minutes' walk from the station.

FOR SALE, a good, nearly new two-story house, barn and hen-house, and nearly 2 acres of land. There are lots of nice apples and it is quite a little farm; only five minutes' walk from postoffice. Price $3,200.

FOR an investment I have a tenement house that I will sell at a price that will yield 12 to 15 per cent. The owner might occupy one tenement and let the other to first-class tenants.

All the above places are furnished with the famous Sharon Spring Water.

I have many estates to sell and let which are not in this book. Write me what you want.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Sharon Village House Lots.

ONLY three minutes' walk from station, I can sell you 9 acres of splendid building land. It has pine groves and a southern slope. Near the above I can sell 2 1-2 acres of wood land on a good road.

FIVE minutes' walk from station is a 4-acre lot. Fine view, perfect drainage, pine groves, and part of it is in a high state of cultivation. It is on line of water pipes. Close to above are a few fine house lots for sale at only $300 each.

ON Billings St. I can sell you some good house-lots, and if you will come here and build houses to let you can get a good return for your money, as rents are high here and tenements in demand.

HOUSE-LOTS for sale on Tolman, Cottage, Woodland, Highland, Main, Pond, Boyden, and other streets, at from $800 an acre up, according to location. Remmber that while there is no "boom" in Sharon, real estate is gradually and surely rising in value, and any investment judiciously made will bring good returns.

I have many estates to sell and let that are not in this book. Write me what you want.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Large Farms.

THE old, old story. Boys all gone away and the father wants to sell any part or all of a 300-acre farm on which he was born and on which his father got rich. This is a good farm, in a good neighborhood, has plenty of wood and fruit, and will probably increase in value.

IN Canton, I have for sale a large stock farm. A fair barn and a no-account house. This would make a good farm to cut up into building lots, and being in a prosperous, growing town, there is money in the farm for some one. Come and see it.

Sharon Village.

FOR SALE, a nearly new 9-room house and 1 acre of land. The house is one of the prettiest and neatest in Sharon, the grounds are nicely graded, and there is a pine grove. The owner came here almost dead with a kidney trouble, but Sharon water and Sharon air have cured him, and having an opportunity to go into business in another state, he wishes to sell out here. He would probably sell a part or all the furniture if desired.

TO LET, the Orthodox parsonage. House has 10 rooms. There is a good stable and an acre of land.

TO LET, a good cottage of 10 rooms, newly painted and papered. Rent $18 a month.

IN the spring I shall have a few village houses to let unfurnished, and a few furnished ones, but as vacant houses are not plenty here those in need should inquire as early as possible.

TO LET, furnished, the "Glen," a 12-room stone house. It has open fireplaces, a stable, plenty of ground and plenty of shade, is a short mile from the station, has a fine view, and will be let for the winter or by the year. Inquire of the owner, Mrs. J. A. Leonard, Custer St., Jamaica Plain, or W. B. Wickes, Sharon.

I often have good business chances in this and other towns to sell. Just now I can sell you the stock and good will of a successful livery stable in a growing town. The owner has business in a distant state and will sell the whole business at an appraisal. To any one acquainted with the horse business this is a good opening.

If you want to hire a place write me and say what you require. W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Trout Farms.

FOR SALE, an 80-acre farm, a good old cottage house of 7 rooms, a poor barn, and plenty of wood. The farm has been neglected but it has splendid land. There is a nice trout brook on the farm. This farm is owned by a lot of heirs who have no use for it, and will sell it low and on almost any terms. To a practical farmer, who is able and willing to work, it offers an opportunity to get a good living and lay up money.

FOR SALE, a 42-acre farm, land is productive and in good condition, having been used as a milk farm. There is a new cottage house, good barn and good water. This farm is near enough to two railroads and is a nice place for milk, vegetable or small fruit farming. Tadpole brook, which is a famous trout stream, runs through the farm, which controls the best fishing privilege on the stream. Will sell the farm for what its worth for farming purposes, or less.

FOR SALE, one mile from railroad station, a 40-acre farm. New house and new barn. Through this farm run two spring brooks, and it is believed that it would make a splendid place for trout culture. To the right party I can sell this farm cheap and on most any terms. The owner lives close by and wants good neighbors.

I have many farms to sell in this and other towns which are not in this book. Write me what you want. W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Foxboro.

AT East Foxboro, close to station, postoffice, store and church, I can sell you a large house and barn. The house sets high and has a wide piazza. It would make a good boardin house. There is some 20 acres of land, with grapes and other fruit. I will sell this place cheap, with only $500 or less, down; balance as rent.

Large Farms,

A 300-acre farm, plenty of wood and all sorts of fruit. Owner has worked on it over 80 years, and has no boy to take his place. Will sell stock and tools if desired.

A 200-acre farm. Has been in one family since it was cleared up by the present owner's ancestors 200 years ago. Owner has no children to heir it and wants to sell out. The buildings are good enough for a farmer but not for a dude, but there are several magnificent sites for an elegant residence. This is a fine all-round farm, and will be sold at farm prices, though it has the making of a fancy farm for a millionaire. Come and see it.

FOR SALE, a 175-acre stock farm. Two houses, 3 barns, land in high conditlon. A pile of money has been spent on this farm, but the present owner is sick of farming and will sell right; will also sell, if desired, the tools, horses, oxen, cows, bulls, hogs, hens, cats, dogs, and hired men. Some one who knows how to appreciate a good thing, ought to own this farm.

FOR SALE, a 150-acre horse farm. Two barns, 2 houses, everything in good order. The houses are not elegant but are good farmhouses, and are 500 feet above tide water, commanding a view for miles and miles. If you want a good farm with perfect air and fine scenery come and see this place. There is all kinds of fruit, plenty of wood and lots of wild berries.

I have several other large farms to sell. Write me or come and see me.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

AT North Foxboro, three minutes' walk from station, I can sell you a 40-acre farm. Old house in good repair, new, large barn, hen and tool house. The house overlooks the village and the surrounding country. Owner has no use for it and will sell it cheap as dirt. Foxboro is a growing, enterprising town, and affords good markets.

I have many places not in this book to sell and a few to let. Write me or come and see me.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Nice Places.

FOR SALE, one of the finest located places in Sharon. A nearly new house with furnace, Sharon water and all modern conveniences, a large barn and 14 acres of land. This estate is on the borders of a beautiful lake and has boating and fishing privileges. There are fine old trees and it is a fine summer or all the year place. Will sell on easy terms or might trade for desirable property.

FOR SALE, a nice, large, modern house, large barn, and 50 or more acres of land. All kinds of fruit, including splendid peaches. This place is only a mile from the station and will be sold at farm prices.

IN the village, central, yet retired, is a modern house, with open fireplaces, furnace, bath-room and everything desirable. This place, take it all in all is the finest located and perhaps the best place in the village. It commands a splendid view that can never be obstructed, and the drainage is perfect. Come and see it and you will say, "The half was not told me."

NEAR the above is a very nicely built 13-room house, with bath, laundry, gas, and all other improvements. There is a nice stable and 40,000 or more feet of land. This place is only four minutes' walk from station, has fine air and commands a view seldom equaled. In the fall the view of colored foliage on the distant hills is unsurpassed.

I have nice places for sale which the owners are unwilling to have advertised. Write, telephone, or come and see me.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Sharon Heights.

AT and near Sharon Heights station there are some farms and vacant lands for sale at a price that makes them worthy the attention of capitalists as they are sure to rise in value. From one-half to one and one-half miles from the station are some bargains in poultry, fruit and grass farms. Some of the largest and most successful market gardens in the State, are on the plains near Sharon Heights. This land is also splendidly adapted to small fruits and poultry farming. I have a good farm here for $2,500; one for $3,000; one for $2,250; an 80-acre farm, somewhat run out but capable of being one of the best in town, for $2,000; one with lots of fruit for $4,500; a house and garden for $1,200; a new house to sell or let. There is also a grand opentng for business at Sharon Heights.

WITHIN a mile of the Heights is a very good farm which will be sold with one or two houses and a large barn, at a bargain.

Remember I have many estates in Sharon and other towns that are not mentioned in this book. Write me what you want.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Low Priced Places.

THERE are a few places for sale for $1,000 and under, but the demand for such places exceeds the supply, and if any one has such a place in or near Sharon to sell, I would like to see them.

FOR $800 I can sell a nearly new 3-room house, barn, and a few acres of good land. It is only a mile from the station, but is lonesome.

FOR $1,300 I can sell a good farm, an old but comfortable house, barn and 20 acres of good land with some fine pine groves. It is two miles from station.

FOR $1,800 I will sell a good double house and 1 acre of land. There are shade and fruit trees. It is less than a mile from station.

Low priced places are changing owners much oftener than dearer ones and it is useless to try to catalogue them, but if you want such a place come and see me or write, and perhaps I shall have just what you want. If not, I may be able to find it.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Lands to Cut Up.

THERE are now in the market in and around Sharon, some tracts of land that offer favorable opportunities to an individual of means to cut up into lots and develop them. Situated as we are, on the best line of railroad out of Boston and in the best residence town on that road, the chances of success in such an undertaking are assured. Then again, the fact that the Old Colony Railroad Company is always ready to lend support and aid to such projects is in our favor. There are now in the market one tract of 40 acres; one of 100; one of 300, and several others. These are all close by or near the railroad and can be placed on the market at small expense.

In my twenty-three years' experience in the real estate business, I have probably had more experience in bonding lands than any other man now in business in this county, and I would like to communicate with some individual or association that has courage and means. I could probably get them some large tracts of very desirable lands, tracts of from 300 acres up.

Address W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Hotels and Boarding Houses.

NO other town or seashore or country offers more favorable inducements to ambitious hotel and boarding house keepers than does Sharon. The demand for boarding places in summer always exceeds the supply. The season is much longer than in the mountains or on the shore; in fact, there is considerable demand throughout the whole year for good boarding places, and the prices obtained are satisfactory. I wish some one would build several boarding houses as I am seldom able to supply the demand for the rental of such places.

I now have for sale, subject to a short lease, a nearly new 30-room hotel. It is supplied with wide piazzas and all modern conveniences, commands a beautiful view, has pine groves in the rear, with boating, bathing and fishing almost at the door.

I have also one or two places to sell that might be easily and cheaply converted into hotels, and I have for sale one or two fine hotel sites.

Come and see me or write or telephone me what you require. W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Wood Land,

WOOD and sprout lands were formerly sought as an investment, but for the last ten years they have been neglected and are almost unsaleable, but fire wood is now gradually rising in value and I think, at present prices, wood land is good property to hold if one does not need quick returns for their money. I can frequently offer bargains in large tracts of wood. I have a 45-acre lot to sell to settle an estate. Also, 3 acres, 7 acres, 5 acres, and 15 1-2 acres, all belonging to the heirs of one estate. I will sell all but one lot for the assessors' valuation. If you won't give that, what will you give? Make an offer quick, so I can settle it up.

THERE are 45 acres of heavy wood belonging to a lady, do you want it?

WITHIN 1-4 mile of the station are 2 1-2 acres that would make house-lots. Will sell for $300. Buy it.

ON Mountain St., there are 100 or more acres of land that can be sold for five dollars an acre and the standing wood thereon for one dollar a cord. Isn't this a good investment? If not, why not? Come and buy it.

ON Mohawk St. is a 14-acre wood lot which is close to the railroad, and being midway between two stations there will some day be a station near here, and then every foot of this land will make good house-lots. Price $40 an acre.

I have wood lots to sell in all parts of the town, some are large, some small.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Miscellaneous.

Whatever business you wish to enter, whether farming or any kind of trading or mechanical business, write me or come and see if I have not got or can't get just what you want.

Address W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

TO those who would like to have a house erected to suit their tastes, I can offer special inducements. Some of my clients who own fine building lots will build for you such a house as you desire, or will furnish you money with which to build. I can get a house built for a responsible tenant that will meet the tenant's taste, provided a five years' lease is guaranteed.

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W. B. WICKES.

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Do you want a house to let, as an investment?
Do you want to hire a house?
Do you want to sell a house or let one?
Do you want to sell a farm or some land?
Do you want a boarding place?
Do you want to take boarders?
Do you want to sell any kind of business?
Do you want to go into any kind of business or invest any money?
In short, do you wish to buy, sell or hire anything in Sharon or vicinity, or want to get a home in Sharon?

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